

# Background on the Global Adult Tobacco Survey of South Africa GATS SA implementation.



**GLOBAL ADULT TOBACCO SURVEY SA, 2021 REPORT RELEASE**

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# BACKGROUND



The GATS is a component of the Global Tobacco Surveillance System (GTSS), which also includes the Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS), the Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS) and the Global Health Professions Student Survey (GHPSS).

GATS, a national household focuses on ages 15 years and older, ideally, it should be conducted every 5 years.

There is still a gap in information for children below 15 years which is collected through the (GYTS), in South Africa GYTS was last conducted in 2011. The Department of Health is in the process of engaging relevant stakeholders to initiate the GYTS process.

The Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS) was implemented for the first time in South Africa in 2021. Data was collected in all 9 provinces. Preliminary survey results were released in 2022, so today it's the full report that the Department is releasing.

# BACKGROUND CONTINUED



Potential agencies to implement were identified and SAMRC was then nominated to conduct the survey.

SAMRC surveyed on behalf of the National Department of Health. The US Center for Disease Control and Prevention together with the World Health Organization (WHO) provided technical support.

SAMRC contracted GeoSpace International, to conduct fieldwork.

The survey results will be presented by SAMRC.

# WHY IMPLEMENT GATS



None of the previous studies/surveys gave us information comparable with other countries.

Current national surveys like the South African National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (SANHANES) and the South African Demographic Health Survey (SADHS) do not provide comprehensive information on tobacco use, that is comparable

Therefore, GATS is the **Global standard** to systematically monitor adult tobacco use and track key tobacco control indicators, using a standardized questionnaire.

Survey results track the implementation of the World Health Organization **MPOWER** package:

- **M**onitor tobacco use & Prevention policies
- **P**rotect people from tobacco smoke
- **O**ffer help to quit tobacco use
- **W**arn about the dangers of tobacco
- **E**nforce bans on tobacco advertising, promotion, & sponsorship
- **R**aise taxes on tobacco



**This is the briefly the background of  
the GATS**

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